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### *Minutes of the Elevator Code Advisory Group*

#### *Thursday 4/25/13*

**Time:** 9:00 am

**Location:** 365 East Street, Tewksbury, MA/Conference Room

Meeting of the A-10 Code Advisory Group

This meeting was held in accordance with G. L. c. 30A, the Open Meeting Law

**Attendees:**

Thomas Costello, DPS, Chair  
Al Sjoeren, Bay State Elevator  
David Morgan Local 4, I. U. E. C.  
George Ramian, DPS, Supervisor  
Henry Fallavollita, DPS, Inspector  
John Dalton, Stanley Elevator  
Jeff Nash, Local 41

Deirdre Hosler, Deputy General Counsel

Larry Jones Jr., Garaventa Elevator  
Lenny Chase, DPS, Supervisor  
Paul Keyes, DPS, Supervisor  
Joseph O'Malley, Bay State Elevator  
Ed Sandell, DPS, Supervisor  
Pam Hodge, Clerk of Record  
Arthur Merritt, Advanced Elevator  
Sam Hannigan, DPS, Inspector  
Late attendance: Chief Walter Zalenski

The meeting was called to order by Thomas Costello and Members were announced.

Chair brought to the attention to the members for a vote on; Tom Costello for Chair, Joe O'Malley for Vice Chair in Costello absence, and Pam Hodge for Recording Secretary. Paul Keyes made a motion to accept this group and Al Sjoeren second the motion. All in favor (unanimous).

**Minutes:** March 28, 2013 minutes were reviewed: Paul Keyes made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting, and Al Sjoeren second the motion. All in favor, unanimous (15- 0)

**Venting:** Section 2.1.4 (15) Delete entire section and replace with "If venting of smoke and gasses is accomplished by the use of ductwork it shall be installed by licensed HVAC personnel and certified". Debate over whether elevator mechanics should have any responsibility for the placement of venting, it's position; quality and location, at least its position should be reflected in the code as close to hoistway as is practical. Size is up to HVAC person. Can reference the NFPA. Must meet Energy Conservation. Conclusion line venting should be handled by HVAC licensed persons in its entirety.

**Pump Discussion:** Sec. 35/2.2.2.4 - Concerns raised by Chair, Tom Costello, regarding flooding of bottom of elevator shaft and best way to prevent elevator damage/maintain safety. Members generally agree that pump can be eliminated if software will detect water and prevent elevator from descending to a floor with water. Larry Jones asks are we to accept PVC pump in pit, ok in Massachusetts. Chair stated it's in our code/2 hour fire rated. If a sump pump is installed water disposal is the responsibility of the owner.

**Main Line Disconnect:** 2.26.4.(a) Delete and change to (a) the main line disconnect switch shall be located inside the machine room or control room door. The operating handle shall be positioned on the side of the disconnect closest to the lock jamb and not more than 450 mm (18 in) horizontally from the lock jamb. The handle shall be at a height of not more than 1700 mm (66 in) above the finished floor at its highest point. In the case of multi car machine rooms the switches shall be grouped together as close as possible to that location. Circuit breakers shall not be used in place of a disconnect. Must be reachable by those who have to disconnect power.

**Remote Machine Room:** 3.19 - Discussion on elevator piping on remote machine room. Anything outside the machine room or hoistway must be schedule 80.

**Prophylactic/Sock:** 3.18 - Joe O'Malley said, I propose to the Board the we use different form of cylinder protection. Discussion on material. John Dalton said he would bring a sample of material at the next meeting. Motion to table 3.18. John Dalton made a motion to bring sample of material. Al Sjoeren seconds the motion, all in favor, (unanimous ). Chief Zalenski said the Board has allowed them in the state with a variance.

**Installation of Overspeed Valve:** 3.19.4.7.3 - Al Sjoeren, discussed concerns of multi jack arrangement having only one valve. Ed Sandell said why not remove the word "immediately" and put a drop dead measurement on it. This will be address in more detail at the next meeting.

A motion was put forth to adjourned the meeting by John Dalton, and Larry Jones second the motion, all in favor, unanimous.

Adjourned 12:30 p. m.

Prepared by Pam Hodge



